

**TERMS:---\$1.50 A YEAR**

## Frozen Facts

As a west-bound train passed Cape Horn a large party of strangers crowded out on the platform and loudly expressed their dissatisfaction at the scenery.

As they returned to their seats to enjoy a jolly good grumble, entirely oblivious of the indignant glances of the native passengers, a meek-looking gentle-voiced journalist from 'Frisco approached from the other end of the car and asked that

The next morning the journalist was informed by the porter that a committee of gentlemen wished to see him in the baggage-car. As he entered the latter he found a dozen travelers, all native, and to the manner born, waiting to receive him, hat in hand. The spokesman advanced and said:

"You are the party who was giving those globe trotters in the rear sleeper some pointers about the coast, I believe?"

"I am sir," said the quilldriver modestly.

"You told them, I understand," continued the chairman, "that Mount Shasta was 76,000 feet high?"

"The same."

"You divulged the well-known fact

that trains on this road were often detained four days by herds of buffalo, and that they frequently have to use a Gatling-gun on the cow catcher to prevent the locomotive being pushed off the track by the grizzly bears?"

"Yes, sir."

"You further acquainted them with the circumstance that the Digger Indians live to the average of 204, and that the vari-

fication of the air on the plains is such that an ordinary pin looks like a telegraph pole at the distance of forty-two miles?"

"I think I wedged that in," responded the newspaper man.

"And we are informed they made a memorandum of your statement that at the Palace Hotel an average of two waiters per day were shot by the guests for

bringing cold soup—eh?"

"They did."

"And, finally, we believe that you are the originator of that beautiful—thaw—a useful—re—fact regarding that fallen redwood tree up at Mariposa—I mean the hollow one into which the six-horse stage drives, and comes out of a knot hole 165 feet further along!"

"I told them all about it."

"Just so! just so!" said the committee man, grasping the patriot's hand, producing a well-filled buckskin bag, "and I am instructed by this committee of your fellow-countrymen to present you with this slight token of our appreciation on the noble manner in which you have vindicated the honor of our native land."

And as he left the car they gave him cheer that nearly shook the traitor off the

*rails.—San Francisco Post.*

**No Wonder.**

A MAN THAT SUFFERED MENTAL AND PHYSICAL AGONY EIGHT YEARS PROCLAIMS HIS HAPPINESS.

Mental agony is dreadful; but what that and a physical ailment combine, it is simply terrible. Such was the condition of George W. Frampton, of Hun-

ington, W. Va., for eight years. He was a sufferer of necrosis: that is, the leg bone at the ankle was inflamed and mortified, which caused a running sore. He says: "Pieces of bone the size of a silver three cent piece came out of the sore on my leg. The discharge from the sore was almost continual, and I was unable to walk. For eight years I have been doctoring. I have been under the treatment of a physician at Newport, Va.,

ment of a physician at Newport, R. I., for a year; another at Burlington, Ohio, attended me for three years, and a doctor here at Huntington worked with me for a long time. None of them did me any good, and they all finally said my case was hopeless. A few months ago I commenced trying PERUNA; and now I am well. I can walk as good as anybody and have perfect use of my limb. Words are inadequate to describe the mental

any I suffered when I thought I was ways to be a sufferer. The thoughts the affliction caused me more distress than the sore, so that the two combined was indeed agony. Being now free from both mental and physical suffering, my happiness knows no bounds. PERU has furnished me that which I prayed for during my eight years of suffering."

**It Was After That.**

On a train coming up from Philadelphia, the other day, a New Yorker shared his seat with a stranger who proved to be an ex-County Treasurer from Olney. After some little conversation the citizen inquired:

"So you were a County Treasurer eh?"

"I was."

"What was the amount of your deduction?"

"My books balanced to a cent; sir," was the indignant reply.

"Ah!" growled the New Yorker in despondent voice, and it must have been easy to see from his looks that he was deeply chagrined. The stranger doubtless felt sorry for him, and after a few minutes of painful silence remarked:

"But I subsequently acted as postmaster and cheated the Government out of \$7,000!"

"Oh! you did!" chuckled the New Yorker, and a feeling of quiet satisfaction at once rested upon his face. Friendly relations were again established.

— Wall Street News.



# OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Thursday Morning, - , October 25, 1893

## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Virginia State Election:  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1893.

For State Senate:  
(8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.)  
GEORGE B. KEEZELL.

For House of Delegates:  
(ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.)  
GEORGE G. GRATTAN,  
JOHN F. SOULE.

Vote the Democratic ticket.

Be on the lookout for fraudulent tickets.

Virginia is for protection—against bossism.

The brilliancy of the U. S. is becoming dazzling.

That's right. Whistle to keep your courage up.

Democrats, victory awaits you if you are active and vigilant.

Of what use will William be after the next election, is the question?

Vote for Kezell, Grattan and Soule for the Senate and House of Delegates.

The great reform movement, as practiced by Mahone, is nearing its end.

Mahone will call the Democrats "dynamiters" after the November election.

Equality before the law is guaranteed to every citizen of the United States, even to Billy Mahone.

Suspicion of the "Boss's" purposes has chased many a Democratic-readjuster from Mahone's ranks.

If you were only a negro, you might be able to get one of Mahone's illustrated "Captains'" commissions.

The Baltimore Day has enlarged and improved. It is a successful paper under Mr. Crossdale's management.

This is not the year for that Mahone invention, the tissue ballot. Remember this, and keep a close watch.

In the name of reason, will you not vote so as to have Virginia ruled by the Virginia people, instead of a despot—a boss?

The retirement of John Kelley, as Chief of the Tammany Hall Democracy, is stated by the New York Tribune as probable.

Look out for Coalition circulars, head-bills, "supplements," and lies and trash generally about this time, and on until election day.

The Straightout Republicans appear to be in dead earnest. We learn their ticket has been named, and the candidates have accepted.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Randolph was consecrated in Baltimore, on Saturday last, as Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Virginia of the P. E. Church.

"A fraudulent ballot and a free count" is now the dependence of coalitionists, instead of a "free ballot and fair count," as they formerly proclaimed.

Earthquakes have been of frequent occurrence in the Old World of late, and Foraker should let Mahone know about the one that recently occurred in Ohio.

The election draws near, but Messrs. Webb, Harnsberger and Herring have not yet let the people know at what date they signed Mahone's caucus pledge for this year's election. Own up, gentlemen. Give the public light.

The Spirit has enlarged to an eight column to the page size. It shows the effect of a real support to a party paper. The Spirit has devoted itself assiduously to the cause of the Coalition party, and has been rewarded with a marvelous success.

Ten thousand more supplements have been issued from the "Spirit" office within a week. These will be soon broadcast, deep as snow, all over this country. It is a mass of trash; most of it is old matter—some of it of a former campaign. But it answers its purpose just as well. Be not deceived by such stuff.

Watchmen, look well to the balloting. See that there is no fraud in the count, but that there is at every poll in the county "a free ballot and a fair count." The coalition started that cry, and made it a fraud. Democrats, now see that it is strictly carried out, and compel the coalitionists to observe it. Be on guard at every poll.

If elected, Messrs. Webb, Harnsberger and Herring will be obliged to go into the caucus controlled by Mahone, and must stand by its action, thus surrendering their independence and manhood and their right to look only to the interests of their constituents as legislators. Do the people of Rockingham want to be represented by oath-bound serfs? If not, vote the Democratic county ticket.

According to Coalition papers their speakers are "skinning" the Democrats all over the State. Are their skins to be tanned, as done by their brethren of Tewkesbury? To read the reports of the Democrat-Republican Readjuster Coalition papers, one would suppose that no Democratic speaker would have a patch of skin left as large as a "nickel" when this canvass is over. We shall all see where the "skinning" comes in, however.

# OCTOBER 27th

IS THE LAST DAY UPON WHICH YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE THIS YEAR.  
SATURDAY NEXT WILL BE OCTOBER 27th.

## THE CAMPAIGN IN THIS COUNTY.

Two weeks from this writing the battle will have been fought and the victory won. The Democracy of the entire State are in the best of spirits, and from all quarters come cheering news that Virginia will be once more Democratic. The day for argument has passed, the remaining time must be devoted to work. See to it, Democrats of Rockingham, that every voter is registered before NEXT SATURDAY EVENING, and then clinch the nail by resolving yourselves into committees of one, and see that every voter is at the polls on election day, provided with a straight Democratic ticket, and that he votes it, and then have the right men selected to witness the count. We congratulate the whole people of old Rockingham county on the manner in which both parties, or rather all three parties, as the Republicans have entered the field, have conducted this campaign. The COMMONWEALTH and Register, on the Democratic side, and the Coalition Journal, the Spirit and Bridgewater Journal, have studiously avoided all personalities. So far as we have been able to learn, the same manly spirit has been exhibited by the orators of both sides. We sincerely hope this sensible position will be maintained by both press and speakers for the remainder of the canvass. If we cannot obtain votes for Kezell, Grattan and Soule by appealing to the voters' reason, we certainly shall not prostitute our journal by appealing to the voters' passions.

Ohio to Virginia—"We have captured the fort."  
Virginia to Ohio—"Hold the fort, for we are coming."

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

As we go to press we learn that a joint committee from the two Republican Clubs of this county have nominated for the State Senate Mr. John Funk, and for the House of Delegates, Henry C. Beery and W. Scott Cordell. The two first named are farmers, well known throughout the county, and are gentlemen who in their private walks of life no man can say aught against. Mr. Cordell is a young man of this place, of excellent private character, and considered a master mechanic. The personnel of the ticket is unobjectionable, and if there was a ghost of a chance for their election, we would add, they would, if elected, make good representatives of the interests of Rockingham county in the Legislature; but they, even with the aid of the Coalition Republicans, could not possibly be elected. They and their party friends are to be admired for their pluck in coolly marching to their political Waterloo. Some of their political advisers claim for the ticket four to five hundred votes. We are very certain we shall not miss the genial countenance of Scott Cordell from our streets this winter by reason of absence at Richmond attending to Legislative duties.

## PRIVATE CIRCULARS TO SUBSERVE PUBLIC PURPOSES.

The subjoined circular has been issued by the Coalition Committee of this county, to which is attached the name of the county chairman, a citizen of Staunton. This is Order No. 1 from the Harrisonburg Headquarters (in the court yard "owl roost"), and should be very interesting reading to Democrats. Read it:

READJUSTER HEADQUARTERS,  
HARRISONBURG, VA.,  
October 16, 1893.

DEAR SIR:—I beg leave to remind you of the importance and the necessity of earnest, active work during the remainder of this campaign in order to secure the election of our candidates on the 6th of November. Our enemies were never more vigilant in any canvass than they are in this one, and our own friends never more indifferent and apathetic. Every appliance known to political tricksters is being used by the Funders to defeat our ticket, and the very best service of our friends throughout the county is needed to counteract their efforts. A loss on an average of ten Readjuster votes in every precinct of this county would give them the victory. They know this and are working their best to secure this result. With this fact staring us in the face, how easily we may by our negligence contribute to our own defeat. Awake then to action, and let us secure for ourselves the victory to which by the majority of the votes of the county, by the justice of our cause, and by the splendid record of our party, we are entitled.

It is your duty to see that every new voter at your precinct who is in sympathy with us is properly registered, and every transfer of voters, if any, is properly obtained. You have only to the 27th inst. in which to do this work, and it should be done at once. And then see to it that not a single man of ours, at your precinct, is lost to us on the day of election, but that every one is at the polls to cast his ballot for the Readjuster ticket. Please do not disregard the suggestions herein made, for I tell you seriously and earnestly that the greatest danger to our success lies in the indifference of our members. Very respectfully,  
ROCKINGHAM PAUL, Chairman.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CHRONICLE.—This valuable and able Democratic paper has been purchased by H. B. Michie, who was formerly a citizen of Augusta county. We are sorry to lose the services, both to our party and the State, of Mr. Waddell, who has made a reputation for ability for the Chronicle second to that of no paper in Virginia. We are glad to know that Mr. W. will give the use of his valuable services to the paper during the balance of the canvass in which we are now engaged. The new editor, Mr. Michie, is represented as a gentleman of ability, and not without editorial experience. We wish the Chronicle abundant prosperity.

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In the discussion between Judge Christian and Governor Cameron at Matthews Court-house on the 8th inst., in reply to the question by Judge Christian, whether, if Hancock, Hendricks or any other Democrat is the nominee of the Democratic party, if he (Cameron) would be found with the Democratic party, Cameron said among other things, "I am not going to vote with any party who has called us thieves."

Wonder what Cameron thinks of his own language. There was a time when he denounced Mahone as a "Railroad Ishmael" and when he also used the following language in reference to the effort that was being made by the Democrats to readjust the State debt:

"We 'protest against any scaling of the State debt, and demand an assessment of tax which will provide for the payment of the last cent of interest pledged upon the whole debt!'"

"Pay! pay to the uttermost farthing, to the last pound of flesh, to the last drop of blood."

"And argue as you may, repudiation is robbery. Nothing more, nothing less."

"Radical tyranny is too mild a yoke for political thieves."

These are some of the utterances of Cameron against those who wished to readjust the State debt. This was before he put so much value upon Mahone's toe nails. Can the people trust to those who have been everything by turns and nothing long?

After the poll books are thus signed, the Judges shall (in the presence, if desired, of not exceeding two friends of each political party represented by the persons voted for in such election), proceed to count and ascertain the number of votes cast for each person voted for.—Code of Virginia, Ch. 8, Sec. 21, page 100.

The above provision of the Election Laws should be availed of by the Democrats at each precinct in Rockingham.

Too much care cannot be taken in the selection of persons suitable for the work who will not fail to attend and perform their work.

They have no right to take part in the count, but only to watch and see that those who do the counting do it correctly and fairly.

The civil rights bill, which every Democrat, and such Republicans as Senators Carpenter, Lewis and Schurz, declared to be unconstitutional when it was under consideration, but which was passed by the Republican party to humiliate the white people in the old slave States, was last week declared unconstitutional and void by the United States Supreme Court.

This is another evidence of the return of the principles and aims of the Democratic party. The constitution forbids class legislation, and the Democratic party has always upheld the constitution. Equality of all men before the law and protection for all, poor and rich, is a Democratic principle.

It used to be the case, just before election day, that the partizan papers would print in big, black letters, "look out for roobacks." Everybody knew what it meant and the exclamation was enough and needed no explanation. Now we have made an advance. Everything progresses these days. Now we put it in plain terms: "look out for lies," and of all sorts. The people must be especially careful as to what they believe coming from a Mahone source. If they tell you ten things just suit away nine of them at once as falsehoods, and make a very thorough investigation of the tenth one before placing any confidence in it.

## Political Notes.

Democrats should remember—no matter how high our hopes or prospects of success may be in the pending struggle to redeem Virginia from the rule of Mahone and Bossism—that vigorous, timely, unremitting work is necessary to a realization of the necessities of this State and our expectations. Let every Democrat continue, in addition to his well-earned and tender assurance doubly sure.—Orange Observer.

"Murdered for Free Speech" is the way papers outside of Virginia tell of the Mahonite (Sag Gregory) shooting Prescott, the Straightout Republican, at Franklin, in Southampton county.

Ex-United States Senator J. W. Johnson says there has been a complete revolution in Washington and Bland, and that Lee, Wise, Russell and Smyth will go Democratic.

Bluster and brag are the main elements of the Mahone way of working. But all this deceives no one. It is a part of the programme regularly mapped out and assigned to such henchmen as the Boss decrees. Let Democrats work and watch to get every Democratic voter, and watch the counting of the vote. Already the brag has been made by one of the Boss' mouth-pieces that his party "means to keep in power by hook or by crook." The meaning of this expression is to keep in by honesty or dishonesty, by fair means or foul. When this "hook or by crook" method is attempted we wish Democrats to be on hand. The bluff game will not work with us. We do not intend to be counted out. This had just as well be understood now.—State.

The press of the country is constantly filled with wonderful cures which have transpired through the agency of some medicine in their immediate neighborhood. Some of these have some foundation, but the great number have no better than the highly imagination of the writer. The following case, however, is without precedent, and anyone is given the privilege of writing to the subscriber and finding if he tells the truth.

DR. HARTMAN—I cannot but feel it my duty to express to you, before your departure from our city, my thanks for the great benefit I received from the use of your medicine, *Peruna*. One bottle placed me square on my feet, after a sickness of four weeks, which confined me to my bed and then left me lame and crippled.—Three days from the commencement of the use of your remedies, the case was dispensed with, and in a week I was perfectly well. N. J. WRIGHT, Business Agent Evening Herald, Erie.

For a pamphlet on the "Ills of Life," address Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co., Columbus, Ohio; they will send it free of charge.

## Nothing Short of Unmistakable Benefits

Conferred upon tens of thousands of sufferers could originate and maintain the reputation which AYER'S SARSAPARILLA enjoys. It is a compound of the best vegetable alteratives, with the forcibles of Potassium and Iron,—all powerful, blood-making, blood-cleansing and life-sustaining—and is the most effectual of all remedies for scrofulous, mercurial, or blood disorders. Uniformly successful and certain, it produces rapid and complete cures of Scrofula, Sores, Boils, Humors, Pimples, Eruptions, Skin Diseases and all disorders arising from impurity of the blood. By its invigorating effects it always relieves and often cures Liver Complaints, Female Weaknesses and Irrregularities, and is a potent renewer of waning vitality. For purifying the blood it has no equal. It tones up the system, restores and preserves the health, and imparts vigor and energy. For forty years it has been in extensive use, and is to-day the most available medicine for the suffering sick. For sale by all druggists.

## Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

TIME TABLE OF HARTMAN'S FERRY AND VALLEY BRANCH BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R. TO TAKE EFFECT MONDAY, MAY 30TH, 1893, SUPERSEDING A PREVIOUS SCHEDULE.

WEST BOUND.

Leave New York, 12:00 o'clock at night.	Philadelphia, 3:50 A. M.	Baltimore, 7:15 A. M.	Washington, 8:30 A. M.
Arrive Baltimore, 6:45 A. M.	Leave Baltimore, 7:15 A. M.	Arrive Washington, 8:30 A. M.	Leave Washington, 8:30 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

Leave Washington, 8:30 P. M.	Baltimore, 10:15 P. M.	Philadelphia, 11:30 P. M.	New York, 12:30 A. M.
Arrive Baltimore, 9:45 P. M.	Leave Baltimore, 10:15 P. M.	Arrive Philadelphia, 11:30 P. M.	Leave Philadelphia, 11:30 P. M.

COLUMBIA AND CHESAPEAKE LINE.

Leave Staunton 3:15 P. M.	At Harper's Ferry 11:30 P. M.	Leave Harper's Ferry 11:30 P. M.	At Staunton 3:15 P. M.
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# New Advertisements.

## TOWN TAXES.

THE TOWN TAXES FOR 1893 ARE IN MY hands for collection. Please call and take up your taxes.

TREASURER TOWN OF HARRISONBURG.

## TO THE TAXPAYERS OF Stonewall District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE State and County Taxes for the year 1893 are now due, and that I will attend, either in person, or by deputy, at the following times and places, to receive the same, viz: Tuesday, November 15, 1893, at 10 o'clock, at the Court House, in Harrisonburg, until December 1st, and all Taxes unpaid at that time will be placed in the hands of Collectors for prompt collection, with FIVE PER CENT, added thereto.

## JAMES L. AVIS, DRUGGIST AND PHARMACEUT, MAIN STREET, HARRISONBURG, VA.

Physicians' prescriptions, town or country, carefully compounded, and prompt attention given either day or night.



# OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

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## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

### Sad Death.

From the Warren Sentinel.

Charles E. Kuhn, aged about 25 years, a painter by trade, and for several years in the employ of Mr. F. Stalling, of Harrisonburg, a quiet, sober young man, committed suicide in the room he occupied alone at the Central Hotel in Front Royal on Wednesday night. He was to have been married at 8 o'clock the next morning to a young lady of this town, having obtained license therefor on Wednesday. The orange blossoms have been substituted with cypress. The verdict of the coroner's jury below gives all the facts that could be elicited in regard to this sad event.

### CORONER'S INQUIRY.

WARREN COUNTY TO-WIT:

An inquisition taken at Front Royal, in the county of Warren, on the 15th day of October, in the year 1883, before G. E. Roy, Justice of the Peace, acting Coroner, upon the view of the body of Charles E. Kuhn, there lying dead. The jurors sworn to enquire when, how and by what means the said Charles E. Kuhn came to his death in room No. 9 of the Central Hotel, in the Town of Front Royal, by cutting his throat with a razor in his own hand, between the hour of 11 o'clock of the night of October 17th, 1883, and day-break of October 18th, 1883, he occupying said room alone—and the jurors believe that he was suffering from aberration of the mind at the time of the act, induced by pecuniary troubles. In testimony thereof the said Coroner and jurors hereto set their hands: G. E. Roy, Justice, acting Coroner; Chas. A. Brown, D. F. Maddox, W. S. Brown, D. W. Jones, Jas. A. Warthen, and Jas. H. Anderson.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for November is already on our table, a splendid number, with a perfect galaxy of steel engravings, colored fashion-plates, colored patterns for the work-table, tales, poetry, etc., etc. We do not see how any lady can get along without this charming monthly. With this number appears the Prospectus for 1884. It promises better things than ever; and "Peterson" always keeps his promises. There will be nearly 1200 printed pages, not less than 14 steel engravings, 12 double-size colored steel fashion-plates; from 800 to 900 woodcuts; six copyright novelets, one hundred smaller stories, etc., etc. In short, the magazine will continue to be, as heretofore, the cheapest and best for ladies. The terms are only Two DOLLARS a year. To clubs, it is cheaper still, viz: four copies for six dollars and a half, with an extra copy of the magazine, as a premium, to the person getting up the club. Or five copies for eight dollars, with both an extra copy of the magazine for getting up the club, and also a superb illustrated gift-book, "The Golden Gift," or a large-size steel engraving, for framing, "Tired Out." No other magazine gives such premiums. For larger clubs, the price is still lower, while even more premiums are given. Subscribe to no magazine until you have seen a copy of "Peterson." Specimens are sent gratis, if written for, to persons wishing to get up clubs. Address either CHARLES J. PETERSON, or PETERSON'S MAGAZINE 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

### The Health of the Governor.

In the midst of the political excitement in this place on Court-day many earnest Democrats expressed genuine sympathy for the Governor in his physical affliction, and when Judge Paul read the telegram that he was in a condition that absolute quiet and rest was imposed upon him by his surgeon, the exulting taunts at his non-appearance ceased altogether, and the expression of regret and pity was unanimous. But what was the chagrin of our Democratic friends when they learned that Gov. Cameron was able to attend a Washington City horse race on the next day. He evidently preferred meeting the race-track judges to Judge Joseph Christian.

### A Hop.

A hop was given by the "Harrisonburg Pleasure Circle," on Wednesday night, the 17th. The "Circle" is composed of most exclusively of our Hebrew citizens, and, we understand the ball was delightful, the dresses of the ladies beautiful, the supper elegant, and that those who were invited to participate, enjoyed a pleasant time. The dance broke up at a late hour.

We print to-day several local items, besides other matter, prepared for our last issue, but which were unavoidably crowded out. As there will be but one more week after this before the election, we may reasonably hope soon to resume our usual variety of interesting reading matter, and no longer make politics a leading feature of the COMMONWEALTH.

Hon. John E. Massey failed, owing to the very inclement weather, to be present at the meeting at Conrad's Store Saturday last. His absence was regretted very much by the two hundred voters present, but they congratulated themselves that there was nothing the matter with his lower extremities, either a sprained ankle or "tangle foot."

BIGAMY.—Mrs. Mary Sims, colored, of this place, sued for a divorce from her husband June 7th, 1883. In about one month she procured the necessary license of the Hustings Court in Staunton and was married. She grew tired of being either maid, widow or wife in the short space of thirty days.

Read the advertisement of a lost dog on the first page.

Eggs bring a good price now. What will they be worth about the holidays?

If you are not registered by October 27th you can't vote this year.

The finest on the market is Rosenheim's celebrated Springdale Whiskey.

Several marriages are talked of to come off soon. The bridal tours will be Westward.

Rockingham cattle bore off the blue ribbons in triumph at the Winchester Fair.

Rev. A. A. Eskridge will remove from this place to Staunton within a couple of weeks.

Excepting the election, there is nothing to prevent any one from beginning to prepare for the holidays.

If you desire a pure Whiskey, distilled from Rye only, and of great age, call for Rosenheim's Springdale.

Renew and retain your youthful appearance by using Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer, the best article of its kind.

East Market street is naturally level, but the authorities seem determined to keep the South side of the roadbed at least one foot the highest.

P. A. Switzer, at Ruddle, is authorized to receive subscriptions for the COMMONWEALTH in Pendleton county, W. Va., and receipt for the same.

And now they call it, "the afflictive dispensation which prevented Gov. Cameron being present." How Coalition papers are given to — jokes.

The Winchester Fair was a great success this year. The trades display was the most imposing demonstration of the kind ever seen in the Valley of Virginia. Springdale Whiskey has a world-wide reputation, and can be had of H. Rosenheim & Son, Baltimore, Md., they being the exclusive patentees and proprietors of that celebrated brand.

Go out in the damp air, or sit unprotected in a draught, and your throat will feel sore and your head uncomfortable. You have taken a cold, which you can remove as promptly as you received it by using Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

And Bobbie Walker is denominated "the young giant of Shenandoah," by coalition papers. Say, how many such giants have you got over there, anyway? Guess Mahone's a giant; Rock. Paul, Peyton Gray and all of them fellows. Whoopie! Look out for the giants.

It is a matter to cause a smile—the way the Coalition papers of this county speak of the "speech" of Rev. Anderson Taylor, of Richmond. It was simply a harangue from a foul-mouthed negro, who came here to teach poor white men what they should do in this election.

Lord Chesterfield, the pink of politeness in his day, said that a true gentleman should be always *sweeter in modo, fortiter in re*, which means, mild in manner, strong in action. This is precisely the character of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. Nothing operates so mildly and yet so powerfully in removing disease.

At a called meeting of The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, Harrisonburg, Va., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: WHEREAS, In the providence of God our Society has been deeply afflicted in the death of our beloved President, Mrs. Columbia Wallis.

1st Resolved, That while we bow submissively to the Divine will we sincerely mourn the death of our sister, friend and officer, who by her christian character and earnest zeal in the cause of Christ endeared herself to our hearts.

2nd, That we cherish with fond remembrances her untiring efforts in all enterprises of the church and the christian spirit she exhibited in our intercourse with her.

3rd, That we tender our sincere sympathy to her afflicted family in whose loss we largely share.

4th, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Society, published in our town papers, "The Episcopal Methodist," and a copy sent to her family.

MRS. MARY REED, Mrs. C. V. BELL, Mrs. J. E. ARMSTRONG, Committee.

MRS. L. A. V. ALLEN, Secretary.

The County Lodge of Good Templars.

It had been expected that the arrangements for the organization of a County Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars for Rockingham county would have been perfected, so as to institute the County Lodge on Monday last (court-day); but owing to inclement weather and other unavoidable causes preventing the action of the Lodges at Cross Keys and Pleasant Valley, it was found necessary to postpone the organization to next (November) court-day. Divine Lodge, at Mt. Crawford, and Harrisonburg Lodge, of this place, have, so far as they are concerned, completed the preparations. The Lodges at Cross Keys and Pleasant Valley will act this week, and in a few days the Dispensation will be in the hands of the proper authorities.

### Religious Services.

The protracted services in the M. E. Church South are still in progress. Rev. L. R. Jones rendered valuable help during last week, preaching every day and night to attentive and appreciative congregations. Rev. Dr. Cox, of Washington City, delivered a fervent address on Monday night. Rev. W. L. Lynch, of Mt. Crawford, preached on Tuesday night. Rev. B. W. Waters, of Bridgewater, will, with his colleague, remain during the week. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. C. Dice, and Rev. R. Smithson, of Staunton, are expected on Thursday.

Rev. Father O'Ferrall, for several years assistant pastor of St. Francis Church of Staunton, has been transferred to Frederickburg, and now has charge of the Catholic church of that place.

# DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Virginia State Election: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1883.

For State Senate:

(8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.)

GEORGE B. KEEZELL.

For House of Delegates:

(ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.)

GEORGE G. GRATTAN.

JOHN F. SOULE.

A CARD

To the Voters of Rockingham County.

It has been brought to our attention that certain local politicians, working in the interest of the Coalition party, have been attempting to influence voters against us as the candidates of the Democratic party by stating that we, if elected, would re-open the settlement of the State debt. We want no misunderstanding on this question, and we therefore publicly declare that we have no desire or intention to re-open the settlement made. The representatives of the people, chosen for the purpose, have passed an act settling the debt of the State. This act has been approved by the Governor, and has been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Democratic party in its platform has accepted the settlement made as final, and we as the candidates of that party pledge ourselves to stand by that settlement. We further say that we believe that the leaders who are now trying to renew the agitation of this settled issue are not Democrats, but coalitionists, who do not desire the success of the Democratic party, and are using this means to deceive good Democrats and to hold them with a party whose great object now is to break down the Democratic party, and to build up the stalwart wing of the Republican party in this State, under the name of the Coalition party.

We call upon all who wish to see our State governed upon Democratic principles in the future, to unite together to defeat the enemies of Democracy under whatever name they may oppose it.

G. B. KEEZELL, GEO. G. GRATTAN, JOHN F. SOULE.

Precinct Committees.

Your duty is to see that every Democratic voter is properly accounted for on the 6th of November—to wit:

1. That he is registered.
2. That he surely comes to the polls and votes.
3. That he casts his vote for the Democratic candidates.
4. That none but legal votes shall be cast.
5. That every legal vote of the Democratic party is cast.
6. That every Democratic challenger is at his post, and will not leave it.
7. That the returns are made strictly according to the law.
8. That no bulldozing be allowed, but that peace and order shall reign at the polls.
9. See that your ticket-holders have always enough tickets to supply the wants of voters.
10. That every man does his duty now, until the election, and on the day of the election.

### More Coalition Failures.

In our last issue, we as truthful journalists, were compelled to publish the fact of the coalitionist's meeting with four failures—total failures, at appointments extensively advertised for them in this county. The scholarly Gray, the eloquent Sheffield Lewis and others, all failed, or the people failed, to appear at their meetings. County Chairman Paul, of Staunton, and Mr. Peyton Gray, started on their peripatetic wanderings to Keezle-town, Friday night last. They arrived safe, and without getting out of their buggy came home again. The people did not want the funeral performance, and failed to assemble.

Sound the howgag, Strike the ton-jon, Beat the fuzzy-guzzy, Wake the gong-a-wong, Let the loud hooanna ring, Bum-tum, fuzzle-bum, Ding-goo-bum.

### Martha Livingston's Investment.

Mrs. Martha Livingston, a thrifty colored woman, was Martha Green before Chas. Livingston married her in New Orleans, La., some ten years ago. They went to Morgan City; there he successfully commenced dealing in moss on a small scale, and about three years ago opened a general merchandise establishment. She put her money away, and invested one dollar in one fifth of ticket No. 69,519, in the September drawing (the 100th) of The Louisiana State Lottery, by writing to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., and received \$15,000 cash, which she invested in U. S. Registered Bonds.—New Orleans (La.) Picayune, Sept. 20.

### Circuit Court.

The October term of Circuit Court met this (Thursday) morning, Hon. J. G. Newman presiding. The following is a list of the petit jurors drawn: Chas. R. Harman, Wm. C. Funk, Thomas A. Eppard, Chas. R. Rush, Peter P. Holsinger, E. A. Spitzer, Dewitt C. West, R. M. Grubb, B. F. Hammer, D. C. Flory, John S. Funk, Wm. E. Kiser, J. G. H. Miller, A. J. Daugherty, Henry C. Hammer, W. F. Showalter, Mason M. Turner, C. F. Tutwiler.

Just So.

Philadelphia Times, Oct. 19.

The Readjuster fox gently fans with his tail the flame of the civil rights decision.

# Correspondence.

Letter from Mt. Crawford.

MT. CRAWFORD, VA., Oct. 15th, 1883.

Mr. N. B. Vaselet living at Burke's Mill, while driving his wagon, leaned over the body to lock, the wheel struck a stump which caused his feet to slip out from under him, and he fell across the body of the wagon injuring himself severely. Dr. Cropp was summoned, and at one time was doubtful as to his recovery, but at this time he is improving.

Mr. Thomas Dovel, and a young man name Lamb, were seeding last week for Mr. Joseph Frank. While they were in the act of filling the drill, the horses, one of them a young one, became frightened and ran off, striking a tree in their course, and breaking the wood work of the drill, all to pieces.

Yesterday, Newton M. Caricofe hitched up a colt to a buggy, and in passing out of a lane, he stopped to fasten the gate, when the colt ran off and upset the buggy, and threw himself over against a bank. The top of the buggy was torn off and otherwise damaged.

On the same day as Mrs. Abram Early was driving a buggy, in which were several children, near Harmony school-house, she met two gentlemen and a lady riding abreast toward her. She took one side of the road, but the other party did not turn out, and the young man that was riding next to her, rode his horse right in front of the fore wheel, which struck him in the flank, and by some means he became fastened in the wheel, and before they could become separated the wheel was broken all to pieces, there being only one sound spoke in it. She was very much frightened and had a narrow escape from being seriously hurt.

Mr. Samuel H. Fetzler, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was here last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Bauserman.

Mr. George W. Showalter left this morning on a business trip to Iowa, and will remain about two weeks.

On Saturday night, Oct. 6th, some person or persons entered the house of Mrs. Wm. Landes, near Milnesville, and stole two watches and about \$150.00 in money. One of the watches was gold and the other brass. The property belonged to Mrs. L. and her son-in-law, Mr. Rhodes, who lives in the house with her. The thief must have been familiar with the premises, as two doors were unlocked and also the drawer in which the money was.

The robbery was committed in the front part of the house, while the members of the family, who were at home, were occupying the rear part of the building.

The grammar and primary departments of our school commenced to-day with a good number of pupils present. Miss R. B. Cleveland, of Pleasant Valley, has charge of the former, and Miss Annie Lindon, of this place, presides over the latter. Other teachers will be employed in addition, should the increase of the school require it. New and handsome furniture has been purchased in Baltimore, and will be here in a few days, then we will have one of the most commodious and suitable school houses in the county.

Mr. Sam'l Plecker departed this life on Friday night, the 12th inst., in the 72nd year of his age. He was buried at St. Michael's church, on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Callender conducted the services, and a large concourse of sorrowing friends followed him to his grave.

Mr. S. C. Switzer is visiting relatives and friends in East Virginia, having come around that way on his trip from Baltimore, where he had been purchasing goods.

There has been a considerable change in the weather, and we are expecting a visit from Jack Frost at an early day.

Wss.

MT. CRAWFORD, Oct. 23d, 1883.

Mr. N. H. Foley has sold out his interest in the threshing business to Dr. David Caricofe, who will be associated with Mr. Chas. Funkhouser in threshing out the grain in this neighborhood.

Mr. Wm. F. Meyerhoffer and family, who have been visiting friends in Ohio for the past four weeks, have returned home very much pleased with their trip to the West.

Mrs. Moore, of Charlestown, West Virginia, is here on a visit to her son, Dr. Moore.

Miss Annie L. Dinges, daughter of Dr. Dinges, left here this morning for Baltimore, where she will remain several weeks, after which she will go to visit relatives in the West.

Mr. Frank Landes has gone to attend a session of the State Council of Virginia Friends of Temperance, which convenes to-day at Centenary, Albemarle county.

Last Sunday was a regular old-fashioned rainy day, the first one we have had for a long time. In consequence of the inclement weather there were no services in the churches in this place.

Our old friend and former townsman, Mat. Fifer, now engaged with Messrs. Tyree, Martin & Logan, of Staunton, in company with his wife, was here on a visit for a short time. Mat. is an active and energetic young man, and no doubt will render his house efficient service.

Our farmers having been fortunate in having a good apple crop will reap a rich harvest from that source. A party was here a few days ago from Pennsylvania contracting with Messrs. McFall & Bro. for apple-barrels. They propose to visit the farms in this section and secure as much of the fruit as possible.

Wss.

Letter from Bridgewater.

BRIDGEWATER, VA., Oct. 22d, 1883.

COALITION FAILURE IN BRIDGEWATER.

Saturday night, October 20th, was the time announced for the coalitionists to have their long expected "Readjuster Rally" and public speaking, by Messrs. Earman, Curry and McFarland. About 4 o'clock Messrs. Earman and Curry were seen promencing the streets of our little city, each wearing an unusually pleasant smile, and apparently full of mirth and glee over the anticipated jubilee.

They were to hold a meeting with their Brother Readjusters (excuse me, I mean Republicans,) in the Academy Hall at night. But, alas! the speakers were here; night was here; the hour for speaking was here—but, oh! where are the people? (Echo answer where.) If Messrs. Earman, Curry and McFarland will call to see us the 6th day of November next, we will show them where the people are. The Democrats of this town and vicinity will be seen marching to the polls casting their votes for Messrs. Keezell, Grattan and Soule. "And don't you forget it!" D.

McGahesville Jottings.

McGahesville, Oct. 22d, 1883.

The corn crop will be better than was expected. There will be much soft corn Mrs. Herron, wife of Mr. Wm. Herron, has been very ill, but is now convalescing. We hope to see her out soon. Dr. T. N. Sellers is now absent in Newton, N. C., attending the Synod of the Reformed Church. Rumor says that weddings are now in order. Bernard Keezell, Esq., and Dr. Webb, candidates for the Senate, addressed the people on the issues of the campaign Saturday evening, Oct. 20th. The Doctor has more than he can manage when he gets hold of Bernard. Bernard deals in stubborn facts and asks some naughty questions. At least the Doctor thinks so. We think Bernard will be a safe man to elect. He will not wish to waste any money. We think when a man manages his own affairs cautiously that he will be very apt to manage State affairs in the same way.

If we are to have these political meetings, why can't the leaders of both parties interest themselves in suppressing those fellows who attend them for the express purpose of annoying others? We think the sense of all good thinking people is against it, and they should be put down. To us it always indicates that a man has more brains in his heels than in his head. If they will applaud their different speakers let them do so, but after that is done let them keep quiet so that those who go to hear may do so. We have observed that those who make least noise when there are the persons who are generally best informed.

# Gleanings.

The apple trade is quite lively, but barrels for packing them cannot be procured fast enough. Cannot our cooperers respond?

Why cannot we have a county fair in Rockingham? Is there not enough to induce our citizens to take hold, organize, and push it to success, or does not old Rockingham deserve it?

All kinds of trade have been unusually active this season, and we think Harrisonburg has no reason to complain. When we consider that more than two thousand tons of phosphate have been delivered from Harrisonburg alone, we must conclude that Rockingham uses a great amount of it.

Maj. Geo. Christman last week shipped to North Carolina two thoroughbred calves but a few months old, which were sold at \$100 per head. They were nice calves, indeed, and the price obtained for them should be an incentive to a more general interest among the farmers for pure-bred stock.

An excursion will leave Staunton on November 6th for Lima, Ohio, extended sixty days, with privilege of returning on any train. The excursionists have also the opportunity of stopping off at Lexington, Ky., to go to Louisville to take in the last days of the Exhibition. The fare is remarkably low for such a trip, and persons desiring to visit Ohio should avail themselves of this most excellent chance. Information can be obtained by addressing W. H. Bowman, Cross Keys, Va.

The Premium Engraving for "Peterson's Magazine" for 1884 has been received, and a very beautiful one it is: a picture of a mother carrying her little one up-stairs to bed, and called "Tired Out." It is a picture that will go to every mother's heart. It should be had in every family, and would make a very charming ornament for the parlor, if framed and hung up; worth, in fact, a dozen of the cheap, gaudy, vulgar chromos. It can be had, gratis, by getting up a club for "Peterson." Only the enormous circulation of the Magazine can explain why the proprietors can afford to give such premiums. "Peterson" is the best and cheapest of the lady's books, the price being but two dollars a year, with great deduction to clubs. Thus, three copies will be sent for \$4.50, with this beautiful engraving as a premium. To large clubs the inducements are even greater, including an extra copy of the Magazine as premium. Specimens of the Magazine, to assist in getting up clubs, are sent, gratis, if written for. Now is the time to get up clubs for 1884. Address, CHARLES J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

### Thespian.

We learn that several members of the Thespian company, which, in 1897 performed several nights at the town hall so creditably, will in a few weeks, give another series of entertainments. In connection with our local talent, that accomplished amateur actress, Miss Hattie Weems, of Baltimore, who made so many friends in this place during her visit the past summer, will assist at the performances. We learn she will be the leading lady in that excellent play of "Little Rebel," and with good support, rare pleasure is in store for our citizens.

### Rank Counterfeit.

Mr. D. B. Showalter, accommodated a gentleman on this place on Thursday, 11th, by giving him a five dollar gold piece (as he thought) in part change for a ten dollar bill. The man accommodated thought it light gold, and a closer examination revealed the fact that it was a galvanized five cent nickel, of the new issue, which does not have the word cents upon it. Mr. S. remembered from whom he received it, a worthy merchant of this county. Whether the latter has traced it, we have not learned.

### Gun Shot Wound.

Joseph Jackson, colored, was wounded in the right leg by a gun shot on Saturday evening last. He was surgically attended by Dr. J. H. Neff, who removed a quantity of bird shot, to whom he was unwilling to state where he received the wound, or who did the shooting. Jackson is the proprietor of a chicken sandwich establishment in this place.

### Found his Master.

Our genial friend, J. C. Boggs, Esq., of Pendleton county, who is so well and favorably known in this county, found his "Master" last Tuesday as witness the following:

Married at the residence of Charles Masters, near Harrisonburg, by Rev. J. Rice Bowman, on Tuesday, October 22, J. C. Boggs and Susan V. Masters.

### Youth and Age.

The time for action is in our youth. It is then that we gather in the grapes. With freckled faces, sunburnt hands and bare feet we wander from vine to vine, from trellis to trellis in the very exuberance of childish glee and spirits. In age we quietly sit in the shade, and while the hours away in conversation with our friends while we sip the wine, which is the better for the long years which have passed since the vintage. In youth we should learn wisdom. It is thus we should sow the seeds which are to bear fruit for the future. We should be taught that *Pernax* is the greatest medicine ever discovered, and has worked some wonderful cures. There is a book which can be procured at the drug stores, which tells you all about this medicine. It is entitled the "Ils of Life." Ask for it, and read it through, and then buy *Pernax*, and you will never regret it. Send to Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co., Columbus, Ohio, for a book on the "Ils of Life" gratis.

The sale of the personal property of the late Benjamin Cunningham, of Hardy county, W. Va., realized about \$15,000. It included some very valuable short-horn cattle.

W. W. ROBERTSON, Principal.

# United States Court.

This court, Hon. John Paul presiding, transacted the following business from Thursday morning, October 19th; to adjournment, October 18th, when a recess was taken until the second Tuesday in December:

U. S. vs. James Brown. Information; retelling spirits. Plea not guilty. Jury sworn. Verdict guilty. Fined \$100; imprisoned in the jail of Rockingham county for thirty days.

Grand Jury presented the following true bill of indictment; U. S. vs. Lizzie Allen. Violation of postal laws.

U. S. vs. Stephen S. Wade. Information; retelling spirits. Plea not guilty. Jury sworn. Verdict not guilty. Prisoner discharged.

The case of the U. S. vs. Jas. A. Pugh, sent from Lynchburg, and ordered to be docketed.

S. A. Gilmer, petit juror, and John R. Painter, grand juror, excused from further attendance.

U. S. vs. Reuben Garver. Information; violation of postal laws. Demurrer sustained and cause dismissed.

Robert Alford and James P. Byers, bankrupts, granted final discharges.

M. E. Griffith, &c., vs. Nicholas Rhyon. In ejectment. Continued generally to next term.

U. S. vs. Z. D. Gilmer. Information; violation of election laws. Witnesses recognized to Special Term.

Grand Jury presented the following indictment:

U. S. vs. Reuben Garver. Indictment; violation of postal laws.

Grand Jury discharged.

H. Peyton Gray qualified to practice in this court.

U. S. vs. Reuben Garver. Indictment; violation of postal laws. Plea not guilty. Jury sworn; could not agree. Recognized to next regular term.

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